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1. WE AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO TALK TO SARAGAT AND LA MALFA AND PERHAPS ONE OR TWO OTHERS IN THE PRI AND PLI. LODGE IS PREPARED TO DO SO. WE GAVE HIM SOME SUGGESTED NAMES WHICH HE WILL CHECK WITH YOU ON ARRIVAL.

2. LODGE ASSUMES THAT YOU ARE MAKING APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM IN THE ORDER YOU THINK APPROPRIATE BEGINNING MONDAY AFTERNOON. HE HAS CONFIRMED APPOINTMENT WITH BENELLI MONDAY MORNING. HE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SEE SCRANTON BEFORE HE LEAVES TO GET HIS IMPRESSIONS AND WE ASSUME THAT THIS WOULD MEET WITH YOUR APPROVAL AS WELL. WE ALSO CONCUR WITH YOUR SUGGESTION OF A TALK WITH THE NEW PSI

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